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Dear Fellow-Worker,

The news that reaches us with regard to the work on the Field continues to tell of great progress. Many are being brought into the Kingdom daily through the agency of our devoted Missionaries. Districts which have not yet been opened up are crying out for teachers. God has heard our earnest prayers, and has raised up the men and women who are willing to go out and join that faithful band. Some have gone or are preparing to go. Others are offering, but, for want of funds, the Council hesitate about accepting them.

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OUR NEEDS. - Let it be the burden on every heart at this time that this great work may not be stayed for lack of money. We earnestly plead that you will unite with us in prayer that God will lay this burden upon the hearts of His stewards. He has not failed us in the past, and He will not allow the present financial embarrassment to stand in the way of progress in that dark land of Africa.

DEPUTATION TO QUA IBOE. - Our General Secretary, Mr. McKeown, sailed for Qua Iboe on 8th November, and arrived safely at the end of the month. Mr. James Price, Chairman of the Council, sailed on 6th inst., and will join Mr. McKeown in visiting the different stations, and conferring with the European and native workers. As a result of their visit, a great forward movement may be looked for. We at home must be prepared to meet it with the men and with the necessary funds.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH. - Early last month Mr. Willcox and Mr. McClements arrived home on furlough. Both look fairly fit, and hope to have an opportunity of meeting old friends at the Annual Meeting on 28th March next. Mr. Willcox, before leaving Qua Iboe, successfully passed his Ibo examination, taking 98 per cent. At the same time Mr. Wheatley also passed, gaining 90 per cent. These are splendid results.

DEPUTATION WORK. - The Lady Missionaries on furlough have been doing some excellent deputation work. Miss Bill hopes to sail again for the Field early in January, and she will be

followed soon after by Miss Davis and Miss Semple. The health of all three is being built up by the sojourn at home. Miss Clements, our new worker, also hopes to sail on the February steamer together with Miss Davis and Miss Semple.

ABA INSTITUTE. - About mid-October an examination was held of the Institute boys at Aba. Speaking of this examination, it is pleasing to note what the Missionary writes, viz.: "We make Scripture a strong point, and do not let a boy pass until he has been successful in that subject."

WORK IN THE IBO COUNTRY.- Mr. McEwan, who arrived on the Field on 14th September, is now looking after things at Aba while Mr. Willcox is on furlough. The latter reports with regard to this new work away north in the Ibo-speaking country: "Besides the 13 out-stations in the Oloko district, there are now 8 Ibo Stations open around Aba. Two others are being opened, making 23 in all. Eight of these were opened since May, 1920 (the date I arrived at Aba), so, on the average, we have opened a new station every two months."

ETINAN. - Mr. Kirk, writing from Etinan under date of 18th October, says: "We have just had a Baptism Service, when 380 persons were admitted into Church membership. These included four very old women, who did not know much except that they loved God for giving Jesus, and they loved Him because He gave His life for them, and His blood to wash away their sins. We also have had our Communion Service, at which about 900 Christians sat down."

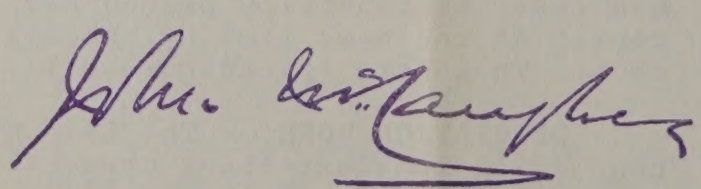
FROM THE FIELD. - The latest news from Mr. Moyes indicates that he is enjoying good health. He is finding great encouragement in his work. With Mr. Gamble, he has just ordained two men as elders at Atabong, where they had a fine service. He reports having called at Okat, where he saw Mr. D. H. O'Neill.

AFA EKET INSTITUTE. - Mr. Fettis is at Afa Eket building the Institute; it is a fine building, with three rooms, on a high cement foundation, with three steps leading up to the centre hall. It is built of corrugated iron, and lined with wood.

We are thankful to be able to report that the latest news indicates that Mr. Bill is recovering from a rather serious illness which overtook him in the autumn. We hope that with care he may soon be able to take up his usual duties again.

The Council wish you a real happy Christmas, with great blessimg, and may the New Year bring you renewed brightness.

Very sincerely yours,



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